

Stakeholder Meetings – **UPDATED** 2/14/03 Arsenic Drinking Water Standard - Approach to Revision

The Department of Health Services' Drinking Water Program (DHS) is holding stakeholder meetings to discuss the development of a revised drinking water standard for arsenic.

Background: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has adopted a revised arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) that takes effect in January 2006. USEPA requires the Department to adopt the 10 ppb standard or a more stringent standard.

Under California State law, before proposing a revised standard, DHS must conduct a cost-benefit analysis, using the State's Public Health Goal (risk assessment level), and treatment and economic feasibility. The revised standard must be adopted by July 1, 2004, but will not take effect until January 2006.

Purpose of Stakeholder Meetings: Before developing a revised arsenic MCL for proposal, DHS would like to obtain input from stakeholders on how to approach the process. At the meetings, DHS will make presentations to stimulate discussion: *See attached agenda.*

Locations and Dates: Two meetings with exactly the same agenda scheduled at each location to enable more stakeholders to attend.

- Sacramento, Auditorium, DHS Offices, 601 N. 7th Street
 - February 18th, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Fresno, Sarah McCardle Room, Fresno Public Library, 2420 Mariposa St.
 - February 25th, 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Los Angeles, Metropolitan Water District, Room 1- 102, 700 N. Alameda St
 - **March 5th, 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m.**

For additional information or to submit written comments in lieu of attendance: Contact Alexis Milea at amilea@dhs.ca.gov, 510.540.2177, or 2151 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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to accommodate people's schedules: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. **NOTE: LA meetings will run from 1 to 3:30 and 5 to 7:30 p.m.**
Meetings will begin promptly.

Attendance: Not more than 2 people from an agency or interest group should plan
on attending the same meeting to ensure space for all interested stakeholders.

A G E N D A

- Welcome, housekeeping, and introductions** 15 min
- Objectives of meeting:** 5 min
*To give stakeholders the opportunity to learn, ask questions about, and
provide comments on the following:*
- The context for revising the arsenic MCL,
 - The role of the Public Health Goal and how the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is deriving it,
 - The Department's draft approach for considering alternative MCLs,
- Meeting format:** 5 min
To provide background and discussion material, the Department and OEHHA
will make several presentations, each followed with an opportunity for Q&A. After all the presentations,
stakeholders may make presentations or comments. The Department will accept written comments at the
meeting or by email to amilea@dhs.ca.gov (preferred) or A. Milea, 2151 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA
94704.
- Background** 15 min
- Federal rule, including monitoring and compliance requirements and deadlines
 - State mandate for arsenic MCL revision
 - State approach to adoption of federal monitoring and compliance requirements
- OEHHA Public Health Goal Overview** 20 min
- Department's approach to evaluating alternative MCLs** 20 min
- Public comment and discussion** till adjournment